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SUBJ: PRESIDENT BONGO'S NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE

1. IN TRADITIONAL RADIO-TV ADDRESS TO NATION DECEMBER  
31, PRESIDENT BONGO SOUNDED THREE MAJOR THEMES:  
(A) CONTINUITY OF ECONOMIC POLICIES ANNOUNCED LAST  
MARCH ("DEMOCRATIC AND CONCERTED PROGRESSIVISM"), WITH  
GRADUALLY INCREASING GABONESE CONTROL OVER KEY SECTORS  
OF NATION'S ECONOMY BUT MAJOR ROLE REMAINING OPEN TO  
FOREIGN CAPITAL;

(B) CONTINUITY OF FOREIGN POLICY, NOTABLY SUPPORT  
FOR AFRICAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS, CONTRIBUTION TO "SOLIDARITY  
FUNDS" FOR POORER AFRICAN STATES, AND ACTIVE PARTICIPATION  
IN SUCH ORGANIZATIONS AS OPEC, UDEAC, AND OAU; AND  
(C) PROSPECT THAT 1977 WILL BE DIFFICULT YEAR,  
REQUIRING HARD WORK AND SACRIFICE FROM ALL GABONESE IN  
ORDER ACHIEVE NATIONAL GOALS.

2. CORE OF SPEECH WAS TARGETED AT LAST OF THEMES  
ABOVE, AND CONSTITUTED APPEAL TO GABONESE CITIZENS FOR  
"TRANSFORMATION OF GABONESE COLLECTIVE MENTALITY."  
REITERATING POINTS HE HAS MADE ON OTHER OCCASIONS,  
PRESIDENT URGED ALL GABONESE TO "ACQUIRE SENSE OF WORK,  
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OF EFFORT, OF EFFICACY AND RESPONSIBILITY, BOTH  
INDIVIDUAL AND COLLECTIVE." FOLLOWING SPECIAL APPEAL TO  
YOUTH (ACCOMPANIED BY THREAT OF SANCTIONS IF THEY FAIL  
TO RESPOND) BONGO DENOUNCED "INERTIA AND INDIFFERENCCE,  
EGOISM AND FAVORITISM, CLIQUES, LIES, AND CORRUPTION"  
AND CALLED UPON ALL GABONESE TO DISPLAY "PROFESSIONAL

CONSCIENCE" IN THEIR WORK.

3. COMMENT: PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS PROMISES MORE OF "CHANGE  
WITHIN CONTINUITY" WHICH HE SAID HAD PREVAILED IN 1976,  
AND LARGELY CONSTITUTES REAFFIRMATION OF EXISTING DOMESTIC  
AND FOREIGN POLICIES. APPEAL TO GABONESE POPULATION FOR  
MORE DEDICATION AND HARD WORK ALSO ECHOES EARLIER  
PRESIDENTIAL THEMES, AND SUGGESTS ONCE AGAIN THAT DESIRED  
RESPONSE HAS NOT YET BEEN FORTHCOMING FROM BONGO'S FELLOW-  
CITIZENS.STEIGMAN

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